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NEARLY WHOLE OF SERBIA CLEARED OF SERBIAN TROOPS

WITH EXCEPTION OF SMALL DISTRICT NEAR OCHRIA LAKE IN SOUTHWESTERN SERBIA, TEUTONS HAVE DRIVEN SERBS FROM THEIR OWN SOIL.

Saloniki Dispatches State that Although Bulgarians are Vigorously Attacking New French Lines in Southern Serbia, They have Made No Impression on Defenses and Have Sustained Heavy Losses at Hands of French Artillery—German Cavalry Reported Near Greek Border Today, and this, with Re-forming of the Allied Lines Close to Greek Territory, May Cause Greece to Decide Quickly On Her Future Course—Nearly Quarter of Million Men Used by Teutons in Serbian Campaign—Quiet on Other Fronts, but in Bessarabia, Where Russians are Showing Unusual Activity.

London, Dec. 9.—The situation in the Balkans is developing rapidly. The Germans and Bulgarians have attacked the allies' extreme right wing near Strumitsa.

Under this pressure the French have withdrawn from the Krivolak salient, and at last accounts had taken up a position at Demirkapou in a deep gorge about twenty miles from the Greek frontier, through which the Saloniki railway runs: Here they were attacked by the Bulgarians, who, according to the French reports, were repulsed.

The plans of neither the allies nor the Germans are yet quite clear, but apparently the Germans are determined on crushing the little force which went to the assistance of the Serbians, and which has been and is still being reinforced. The retirement of the allies to Demirkapou has led to the report they intend to abandon the Balkan enterprise entirely, but continued landing of troops at Saloniki would seem to deny any such intention, while there is a very strong military opinion here that Saloniki should be held as a base for future operations in the near east.

There is little news from the other fronts. The Germans have scored a minor success in Champagne, where they captured about 500 yards of a French trench, part of which, however, has been retained; the British have received reinforcements at Kut-el-Amara, where they are making their stand after the retreat from Ctesiphon and the Italians, who for the last two weeks have been on the offensive, are now engaged in meeting the Austrian counter attacks.

The expected offensive of the allies in Gallipoli apparently did not materialize, while throughout Russia the wintry weather has put a stop to all but small ventures.

The Austro-German forces employed in the Serbian campaign, are estimated at two hundred and forty thousand men.

Little of interest has occurred on the other fronts, except in Bessarabia, where the Russians are showing unusual activity.

In Champagne, near St. Souplet, the French artillery exploded the German munitions depot.

The French assert that they have made further progress driving the Germans from their trenches in the Souain region, which the latter recently captured.

Constantinople states that the Turks have advanced on Aden, in southern Arabia, close to the Suez canal.

German Staff Taken. Petrograd, Dec. 9.—The entire staff of the eighty-second German army division was captured by Russian scouts during a recent night raid and taken as prisoners into the Russian lines, according to unofficial reports received here.

Two Steamers Sunk. London, Dec. 9.—The British steamer Veria and the Greek steamer Goulandrie have been sunk. No details have been received.

Communipaw Sailed Yesterday. London, Dec. 9.—The American steamer Communipaw, which was reported to have been sunk, sailed from Alexandria, Egypt, yesterday for New York, according to an announcement by Lloyd's.

French Battalion Annihilated. Sofia, Dec. 9.—An official statement, dated Tuesday, announces the annihilation of an entire French battalion by a Bulgarian bayonet attack in southern Serbia.

WEATHER FORECAST. New Orleans, La., Dec. 9.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and warmer. Friday fair and colder in the western portion.

May Outflank the Allies. London, Dec. 9.—The situation in the Balkans is developing rapidly. The Germans and Bulgarians reached Kenali on the Greek border, ten miles south of Monastir, thus threatening to outflank the Anglo-French forces, while Bulgars, who also are supposed to be led by Germans, have attacked the allies' extreme right wing near Strumitsa.

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UNUSUAL PRECAUTION TO GUARD PRESIDENT WILSON

Washington, Dec. 8.—Unusual precautions will be taken to protect President Wilson when he goes to Columbus, Ohio, Friday. Tension in the international situation is one cause, and a direct suggestion from government authorities at Columbus is another.

It was learned today, a government official came from Columbus to Washington last week to advise the president against permitting the county democrats' reception to be held in the rotunda of the state capitol.

The president, however, is understood to have requested that the reception be held as planned. Since the president's bitter references to disloyal aliens, in his message, need for a guard is much more felt.

WILL POSTPONE POULTRY SHOW ANOTHER YEAR

FAILURE TO SECURE APPROPRIATION AND ON ACCOUNT OF CONDITION OF AFFAIRS INCIDENT TO THE EXPLOSION.

The Carter county poultry association were to have held a show in January, but on account of the fact that they failed to receive the appropriation of one hundred dollars from the board of county commissioners, and also from general conditions in the city caused by the recent explosion, they have decided to postpone the show until next fall and have it at the same time the free county fair is held.

President Berry of the poultry association stated this morning that taking everything into consideration, it might be best to make no attempt at having a show before next fall. The county commissioners had agreed to give them \$100, but when the time came found that there were no funds in the contingent fund and that no levy had been made for it; however, the commissioners were more than willing to make the donation if they could find a way to do it. Mr. Berry stated that he advised them that he thought it best to wait and combine both shows next fall when the money will be available, and so the matter was decided.

The commissioners have been to considerable extra expense this fall in making necessary repairs on the roofs of county buildings, and the contingent fund was exhausted before the work was nearly done; they regretted to have to deny the poultry association the amount asked, at the last moment but under the present arrangement everything is satisfactory to all parties, and they promise to have a big show next fall.

MUNITION PLANTS HIRE GUARDS

Three Hundred Men From Exposition Offered Places.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 8.—Munition factories in the east have offered to employ every member of the Panama-Pacific exposition force of 300 guards, according to Captain Edward Carpenter of the Coast Artillery Corps, commanding the guards, on detached service. The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company telegraphed today an offer to employ all available guards at increased pay. Nine accepted. About fifty left a few days ago for powder plants on the Pacific coast.

RECOGNITION OF CARRANZA.

Great Britain This Afternoon Recognized Carranza.

London, Dec. 9.—It was announced in the house of commons this afternoon that Great Britain has formally recognized the Carranza government in Mexico.

NAME MEXICAN AMBASSADOR.

Eliseo Arredondo to Be Next Mexican Ambassador to Washington.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Eliseo Arredondo has been selected as the next Mexican ambassador to the United States. The new ambassador to Mexico will be announced later, according to Secretary Lansing.

RINGLING WOULD JOIN CARTER CO.

SEVERAL MILLIONS OF TAXABLE WEALTH OFFERED US BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT BEEN JEALOUS AND SELFISH.

Because Ardmore has not been jealous of the growth of the new town of Ringling, because Ardmore has a thousand things to be grateful for and is too big hearted and open minded and entirely too busy to entertain any petty jealousy against a neighboring town, and because Ringling feels that Waurika and Ryan are disposed to wage war upon it, the citizenship of the town of Ringling would like to have their town in Carter county.

A strip of land two miles wide and nine miles in length would include Ringling and the big tank farms that the McMan, Corsicana, and Skelley & Russell companies are building in Jefferson county. It would add to this county as much taxable wealth as the city of Ardmore at this time has, and is worth being looked into.

Frank L. Ketch, townsite man and president of the board of trustees of Ringling, J. F. Stotts, cashier of the First State Bank of Ringling, and a member of the board of trustees, and Don Cochran, an active business man of that city, were here today and stated that their people would like to be attached to Carter county, and if there was a way in which they could take off a strip of two miles along the east side of Jefferson county, and attach it to Carter county, that their people would do it.

Carter county would welcome the coming in of those people. We would like to see them share in the prosperity of the county, we would like to see them claim citizenship in the greatest oil producing county in the state, we would like to see them share in the tax money and especially in the school tax money that will come from that source. Carter county would like to have that busy people in its citizenship. Ringling is doing things, it has a progressive citizenship, it has a people that Carter county would like to claim. We would like to have in this county the town named for John Ringling. We would like to have that area covered with steel tank farms.

It is much more convenient for the Ringling people to transact their legal business in Ardmore than in Waurika. There is direct rail connection between these two towns, while from Ringling to Waurika, private conveyances must be used for transportation. In that item alone, Ringling people would be saved many dollars within a year's time.

Ardmore assures Ringling that we will thrive welcome it as a portion of Carter county. We will welcome the day when we can take you by the hand in a cordial feeling of truest friendship and work with you to build the greatest county in Oklahoma.

ENGLAND HAS ACCEDED TO OUR DEMANDS

GREAT BRITAIN ASSURES UNITED STATES THAT NO MORE SHIPS OF AMERICAN TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY WILL BE SEIZED.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Great Britain has acceded to the American protest against the requisitioning of ships of the American Transatlantic company, that the steamers Hocking and Genesee be held to the prize court of England and assures the United States that no more vessels of that company will be seized.

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BAT CARR GETS JAIL SENTENCE AND FINE

Lawton, Okla., Dec. 8.—Three months in the county jail and a fine of \$300 and costs, was the punishment assessed by Judge Cham Jones in the district court against Bat Carr, convicted of killing his son-in-law, Frank Lutz, at Cache, Okla., July 16. He was convicted of manslaughter. Carr has been a resident of the southwest for more than forty years. He served as a deputy United States marshal, and for two years was an Indian scout, with headquarters at Fort Sill.

Man Slugged and Robbed.

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 8.—James Gillock was slugged by unknown robbers Monday night and \$80 in currency taken from him. The officers are investigating.

STRONG NOTE SENT AUSTRIA ABOUT ANCONA

DISAVOWAL OF SUBMARINE ATTACK UPON ITALIAN STEAMER AND PUNISHMENT OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE DEMANDED.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The United States has sent to Austria-Hungary a note asking for a disavowal of the submarine attack upon the Italian liner Ancona, assurances that such an act will not be repeated, some degree of punishment for the commander of the submarine and reparation for the American lives lost.

The communication started by cable yesterday from the state department to Ambassador Frederic C. Penfield at Vienna, who was instructed to hand it to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, Baron Burian. Word of the delivery of the note has not yet been received by the department.

Friendly, but firm terms, it is said, characterize the document, which is understood to make a particular point of prompt assurances for the future safety of American lives. Austria-Hungary has never informed the United States whether the commanders of its submarines had been given instructions similar to those which the German government gave to its commanders after the Lusitania tragedy. It is understood that the note referred particularly to the charge that shells from the submarine killed or wounded some passengers on the Ancona after she had halted and asked for an explanation on that point.

In dispatching the note, Secretary Lansing acted with the approval of and after consulting President Wilson. It is stated authoritatively that the document which is described as being comparatively brief and decidedly vigorous in tone, was so drafted as to attempt a settlement of the controversy at once without bringing on a series of communications such as followed the sinking of the Lusitania.

WILL MOVE TO OKLAHOMA

State Senator E. J. Lundy of Arkansas Tenders Resignation.

Memph, Ark., Dec. 8.—Senator Elmer J. Lundy, president of the Arkansas senate during the 1915 session, today sent his resignation to Governor G. W. Hays. Senator Lundy announced he and his family will move to Tulsa, Okla., within the next few days.

Home Near Purcell Burns.

Purcell, Okla., Dec. 8.—The home of L. D. Dickerson, on his farm near Rosedale, was burned this morning. The house and contents are a total loss, but are partially covered by insurance. Mr. Dickerson, while postmaster at Purcell four years ago, lost his residence and contents by fire in a severe snowstorm, one of his children being consumed in the flames.

TO FORM NEW CABINET

Count Romanones to Form New Cabinet for Spanish King.

Madrid, Dec. 9.—Count Alvaro de Romanones was today chosen by King Alfonso to form a new Spanish government to succeed the late cabinet, which resigned Monday.

FOLLY NOW TO PROPOSE PEACE

CHANCELLOR BETHMANN-HOLLWEG SAYS GERMANY IS NOW READY TO DISCUSS PEACE.

HAS FOOD SUPPLIES

German Chancellor Says Germany Has Sufficient Food and Stores of Copper for Many Years—Germany Not Responsible for Continuation.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg, in addressing the Reichstag today, said if Germany's enemies make peace proposals "compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, we shall always be ready to discuss them," but he said it was folly for Germany to propose peace, "as long as in the countries of our enemies the guilt and ignorance of the statesmen are entangled with the confusion of public opinion."

He said Germany, conscious of her military successes, declines responsibility for a further continuation of the war and cannot be charged with the purpose of fighting to make further conquest. He said: "The war can be terminated only by peace, which will guarantee that war will not return."

The chancellor asserted that Germany's food supplies are sufficient and her stores of copper adequate for many years.

AWAKENING OF LABOR IN OKLAHOMA

THE FEDERATION LEADERS ARE GRATIFIED AT REORGANIZATION ALL OVER THE ENTIRE STATE.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 8.—The awakening of Oklahoma, together with the rest of the nation, from the general paralysis caused by the outbreak of the European war, has also awakened the labor unions of the state into a realization that the present time is a crucial one in industrial evolution, according to Edgar Fenton, president of the state federation of labor. All over the state, he says, central trades and labor councils are being formed, and scarcely a week passes that he or Ollie Wilson, secretary of the federation, are asked to be present at one or more.

Sapulpa, Drumright, Bartlesville, Pawhuska, Enid and other cities of about the same size, which have heretofore had no central labor bodies or which have allowed the old ones to lapse into disuse have within the past two months, leaped into activity again.

Sapulpa, an industrial city of the first class, in whose factories thousands of skilled workmen are employed, organized a central body several years ago. But during many months past it has never been active. A short time ago Mr. Fenton was invited to attend a huge smoker, at which plans were laid for future activity, and the council reorganized.



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